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**Syracuse VA Medical Center Awarded  
Energy Star Certification**

**Syracuse, NY**-The Syracuse VA Medical Center has been awarded the ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED BUILDING rating by meeting strict energy performance standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency for the period from April 2012 through March 2013.

“Over the past 4 years the VAMC has implemented lighting improvements, chiller plant upgrades, and ventilation system improvements which have reduced energy consumption from 230,000 BTU/SF in fiscal year 2008 to just 145,000 BTU/SF in fiscal year 2013, a drop of 37%,” said Michael Arnold, Syracuse VAMC energy manager.

Arnold says the Syracuse VA is proud to support executive order 13423, signed by the President in January 2007, to improve our nation’s sustainability through leadership at federal facilities.

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ENERGY STAR certified buildings save energy, save money, and help protect the environment by generating fewer greenhouse gas emissions than typical buildings.

To be eligible for ENERGY STAR certification, a building must earn an ENERGY STAR score of 75 or higher, indicating that it performs better than at least 75 percent of similar buildings nationwide.

Certification is given on an annual basis, so a building must maintain its high performance to be certified year to year. The information submitted in the certification application must be verified by a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) or Registered Architect (RA) to be eligible for approval.